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JOHN J. BERGEN
40 WALL STREET
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

13 August 1953

Dear Rafe:

Thanks very much for your very nice letter of 12 August. Naturally, I am glad to be a member of the Reading Room. It seems to me that I have used the facilities so many times that it was mandatory that I become a paying guest instead of sponging on the membership. Of course, it is a fine old club with a delightful membership, and I feel highly honored to be selected as a member.

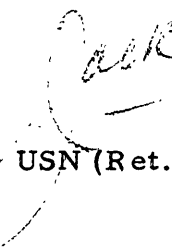
I am glad you are coming to New York next week. I may not be available Monday evening because of a commitment with my daughter who will be in New York with me at that time. However, my evenings will be free for the balance of the week, and certainly hope you can spend some time with me.

Dick, no doubt, has informed you that I have been somewhat indisposed, due to a knee injury which means that I must resort to a cane to get around. I doubt if I will be able to play pool with you any day next week, but we can find other things to do to occupy our time.

Thank you again, Rafe, for your nice letter. It always cheers me up to hear from you, and to know that in you I have a sincere friend and loyal booster.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

14 August 1953

Dear Rafe:

Your good letter of the 12th reached me just before leaving for Naples. I am most grateful for your favorable remarks on my efforts.

I am looking forward to the cruise abroad. The view ahead from another vantage point may have some refreshing vistas not so easily discerned from the banks of the Potomac.

Good luck and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Bill

Commander R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

19 August 1953

My dear Rafe:

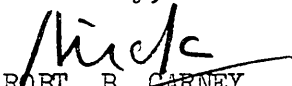
Many of my friends have been kind enough to send me a "Cheerio" on the occasion of my reincarceration in the Pentagon, but I don't recall any of them which had a more warm and sincere ring to them than yours -- and I value it.

Naturally, I have no illusions about existence in a public office in Washington; it seems to be a part of the social system of the times to play darts with public servants as targets. Without any question I will absorb my share of darts and probably some of them will hit the 10-ring. However, I have always maintained that if we in the Navy have a sound and reasoned position, and if we have the wit and courage to stand by that position, we will come out all right in the long run. I don't have much patience with loose talk about "low morale" because I think that too often when we speak of morale, we are confusing it with some vapid state of purposeless happiness which can only thrive in some sort of vacuum in which there are no troubles nor tests. My own definition of morale is a state of mind capable of enduring troubles and rising to lick them. Consequently, it is my feeling that career people in a fighting Service should find their morale rising in proportion to their problems and troubles. Based on that philosophy, I shouldn't have any trouble with my morale because the problems and troubles, as always, will be here aplenty.

In any event I welcome the opportunity of trying the job on and I couldn't possibly feel too concerned about it when I know that the Navy always rallies around the CNO as its household god, no matter who the incumbent may be.

One of these days I'll make Newport and when I do I'll be seeing you. In the meantime, Grace joins me in all best wishes.

Sincerely,


ROBT. B. CARNEY
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN(Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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24 August 1953

Dear "Rafe":

Received your letter this morning and would be very happy to bring you back from Chapel Hill except for one thing, I am not going to make the wedding. Too many irons in the fire, plus the fact that I have recently had a good deal of pressure about the personal use of planes. I don't want to tangle with Drew Pearson at this late date.

Nell is spending the summer in Middletown with contractors on the old house. She has been over-doing and personally I wouldn't be surprised to see her back in the hospital by the end of this week. So she is out of the Chapel Hill picture. "Os" Colclough and I had tentative plans to fly, but I have given it all up now despite my disappointment at missing my Godson's wedding.

I am glad to know you are going; you can represent the oldtimers.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

J. H. BROWN, Jr.
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.),
U. S. Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

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Trinity Church
Newport, R. I.

THE REVEREND JAMES R. MACCOLL III
RECTOR

THE REVEREND PETER CHASE
CURATE

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DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
JOHN W. RUPP
DIRECTOR OF PARISH ACTIVITIES

September 9, 1953

Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN
U. S. Naval War College
U. S. Naval Base
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Batesey:

As long as I remember Newport and
Trinity Church I shall remember you. No person
I have met while here has been more sincere,
encouraging, and appreciative than you, and I
hope you know how much this means to me.

I won't say good-bye because I am sure
we will meet again before too long. If you ever
pass through Philadelphia, please call me. I do
not know how what my number will be, but our house
phone will be under the Ambler exchange, and the
church phone listed under St. Thomas' Church,
Whitemarsh.

Good luck and God bless you.

As ever,



James R. MacColl, III

JRM:ALN

P.S. Carried to Phila by mistake



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THE JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE
AND
MEDICAL CENTER
PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 14, 1953

My dear Dick:

This is just a note to tell you how very much I appreciate the many things that you have done for me and the rest of the family; and particularly to thank you for having me at the Clambake on Monday.

As usual, I thought this luncheon was especially enjoyable, as I saw so many of my old friends, and it seemed such a very cheery crowd.

I should also like to congratulate you on your way of life, on the work you are doing, and on the many, many friends that you have made in Newport. You are very definitely one of the outstanding persons in the community, and are a great credit to yourself and to the Navy.

We had a very pleasant trip down, and I am now back carrying on my duties here at Jefferson, and thoroughly enjoying every bit of it.

I am hoping that if you should go to the Alumni Weekend in October, you will stop on your way down, or come back with us just to see how the other half lives, in Philadelphia.

Again my thanks. And with my

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very best personal regards, in which Elsa joins
me, I am

Very sincerely,

J. L. *Reg*
Kauffman

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

25 September 1953

Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret)
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Commodore Bates:

This is in answer to your letter of 16 September concerning
DANGIELOWICZ, Walter Stanley, 201 72 03, MEC (ME-4801-23), USN.

For your convenience, I shall enumerate below the answers to Mrs.
DANGIELOWICZ's desires:

- a. Shore duty in Narragansett Bay area: DANGIELOWICZ will not be eligible to request shore duty until August 1956 as he just completed a tour of shore duty in August 1952.
- b. Duty in the Fleet Training Center, Narragansett Bay or other Fleet Shore Duty in the Area is controlled by Commander Service Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. The requirements for submission of requests for this type duty are set forth in ServLant Inst. 1306.2 which requires that two years sea duty be completed prior to submission of a request for Fleet Shore Duty. Accordingly, DANGIELOWICZ will not be eligible to request such duty until August 1954.
- c. Duty in a Narragansett Bay destroyer tender: DANGIELOWICZ, when eligible, may request an inter-type transfer submitted in the regular manner to Commander Service Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. The instruction for this type of request also requires completion of two years duty in the same ship prior to requesting such a transfer.

To sum up, DANGIELOWICZ is neither eligible for BuPers controlled shore duty nor for Fleet Shore Duty, or for inter-type transfer because of insufficient sea service. His earliest date of eligibility will be August 1954.

If his is a case of undue hardship, he may submit a request for humanitarian shore duty as outlined in BuPers Inst. 1306.24 which is available to him on board the U.S.S. BENNINGTON.

I trust this answers your inquiry satisfactorily.

Very respectfully,

E. J. Burke
E. J. BURKE

Captain, U. S. Navy
Director, Enlisted Personnel Division

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Mrs. Walter S. Dangelowicz
73 Elmadale Avenue
Providence 9, Rhode Island

August 4, 1953

Mr. Kenneth D. MacColl,
c/o Donald M. Jackson, Sr.,
Seal Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mr. MacColl:

Confirming our conversation yesterday concerning my husband,
I am furnishing below information you will probably need when
you have an opportunity to contact your friend in Newport:

Name: Walter Stanley Dangelowicz (pronounced
Rating: Chief Metalsmith (Dan - jello' - wits)
Service Number: 201-72-03
Now Aboard: USS BENNINGTON (CVA-20)

Walter has had 11 years of sea duty and 2 years of shore duty,
and we would appreciate it more than we can say if he could
get a transfer to:

- 1) A shore station at Quonset or Newport, or to
- 2) The Narragansett Underway Training Command (in Newport), or to
- 3) A destroyer tender, or to
- 4) Any other duty where he'll be in or around the Newport area.

The BENNINGTON will be coming into Quonset or Newport on or
about August 17th, and after about 3 weeks will be leaving
again for Europe for approximately six months, so if a transfer
is possible, we most earnestly hope it will take place before
the ship departs for the Mediterranean.

Mr. MacColl, I realize of course, that you cannot guarantee
a transfer for Walter closer to home, but I want you to know
that your willingness and kind offer to try and help us means
a great deal to me, more than I can ever say.

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Very gratefully yours,

/s/ Higue

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Extracts from letter to Rear Admiral R.W. Bates, USN(Ret),
Staff, U.S. Naval War College from Rear Admiral C.C. Wood,
USN, Deputy Commandant, National War College.

THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE
Washington 25, D. C.

19 October 1953

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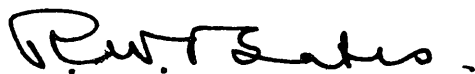
"The pastel sketch is quite a masterpiece in itself and will be of tremendous help on our job. The decoration situation is sufficiently cleared up for our purposes despite the mystery as to their precise origin.

"Mr. Synnott is terribly good. In my humble fashion I can sense his mastery of pastel which is an extremely difficult media, but certainly one of the very most expressive. Please extend to him my heartiest appreciation and congratulations for his part."

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"/s/ CHESTER C. WOOD"

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY



R.W. BATES,
Rear Admiral, USN(Ret)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
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28 Sep 1953

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN, (RET)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Commodore Bates:

This is in reply to your request for information concerning Lieutenant Wilfrid Wheeler, III, United States Naval Reserve, who is presently being carried on the official records in the status of missing in action.

It is regretted that Lieutenant Wheeler was not among the Navy personnel who were liberated by the Communists in the recent exchange of captured personnel. A study is presently being made of data which is being compiled from various sources such as reports made by the military commands, Communist propaganda broadcasts, statements made by repatriated personnel, etc., to determine and clarify the status of Missing in Action personnel. Pending completion of this investigation, Lieutenant Wheeler and the other personnel concerned, will continue to be listed as missing in action. They will be so continued until it can be officially determined that the presumption of life is no longer reasonable, based on a review of information received, or on the lapse of time without information.

Your interest has been noted and you, as well Lieutenant Wheeler's next of kin, will be notified of any change in his status.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. APPLE
Captain, U. S. N.
Assistant Chief for Morale Services

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15 October 1953

Dear "Rafe":

Thanks for your note. I appreciate the sentiment you express. Don't count too much on that disability -- I will be able to take you on with one hand tied for years to come.

I haven't done anything about the tax business. According to the paymaster there is nothing in it, but I think there might be and will let you know when I find out.

I saw Dick in the Yacht Club a couple of weeks ago. I expect he was signing up with Long Island University that day. I am sure he is pleased about it. Please extend to him my sincere congratulations.

I will send you an invitation to the luncheon as usual, and will look forward to seeing you then if not before.

Sincerely,

J. H. BROWN, Jr.
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy (Ret.),
Commandant, Fourth Naval District

Commodore R. W. Bates, U.S.N. (Ret.),
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

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GRAHAM-PAIGE CORPORATION

FORTY WALL STREET
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

16 October 1953

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

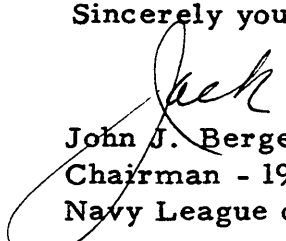
Dear Rafe:

As you probably know, Dick will be an honored guest at the Navy League of the United States (New York Council) Dinner which will be held in New York at the Astor Hotel on 26 October.

While I know you are pretty well fed up with dinners, I am wondering if you would (as a favor to me, because I am presiding) come down with Dick, and attend this dinner as my guest.

With all the best to you, I am

Sincerely yours,



John J. Bergen, CAPTAIN USNR
Chairman - 1953 Dinner Committee
Navy League of the United States

Rear Admiral R.W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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THE ATLANTIC COMMAND
AND
UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

26 October 1953

Dear Rafe:

Thank you for your fine letter of October 16. The sentiments which you express may cause me some trouble in getting on my hat and make me wonder if I could live up to the qualifications which you ascribe to me.

The War College billet would appeal to me and I imagine that there is a fair chance that I will draw it. However, there is nothing firm at this time.

We are having a busier time than usual, but a great deal of it is very pleasant. Kay Hicks will be with us for a while early in November and we are looking forward to it.

Lillian joins me in warmest regards and appreciation for your nice letter.

Sincerely,

Commodore R. W. Bates, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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KENNETH D. MACCOLL
111 WESTMINSTER STREET
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

October 26, 1953

Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret)
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:-

Thank you so much for your letter of October 12 and you would have heard from me before this except that I have been away, and also due to my brother's death I have been unusually busy.

You were terribly kind to go to the trouble of inquiring about the status of the husband of my Secretary at Blue Cross; as usual, I suspect that women exaggerate things and this is undoubtedly the case here! I am sorry if I have caused you any embarrassment, but do appreciate more than I can say your going into this for me.

I had hoped to be in Newport more often as the Fall season came on but to date have not been down there; I will be down more and look forward very much to seeing you. Helen sends her best, and with many thanks again, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Ken

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

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27 Oct 1953

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN(Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Commodore Bates:

It has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you and I am looking forward to seeing you again. Surely hope that everything is well with you in Newport as I know it is.

Things are going well with me. I have remarried and I didn't know it could be so good. Mike is still going to St. Georges and we hope that he will be in the Naval Academy next year where he very much wants to go.

Enclosed herewith is the reply to your recent letter addressed to Captain R. W. Wood concerning Lieutenant Wilfrid Wheeler, III, USNR. The business of trying to locate prisoners, I understand, is being continued. Of course, I don't know, as this is very secret business with which I have no connection. However, it is reasonable to believe that this young fellow is no longer alive and were I his parent, I would endeavor to reconcile myself to that fact. I know it would be almost impossible ~~to try~~ to do.

Please accept my respects.

I remain

YR HUMB OBT SERV

W. G. CHAPPLE
Captain, USN

Encl.

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U. S. S. SICILY (CVE-118)
% FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

4 November 1953

Dear Admiral Bates:

After giving considerable thought as to whether I should begin another letter to you as so much time has passed since the last correspondence, I have decided that you couldn't possibly have forgotten me so easily as you went to a great amount of trouble in an effort to help me before. Even though our planning did not work out as expected, I am indeed grateful that you at least did your best. But do not be mislead; this tour of sea duty aboard the Sicily has not soured my ambition, but has borne fruit, enabling me to pursue several USAFI courses and college level examinations, as I plan to submit my request for OCS in fall of 1954.

In June 1954 I plan to either request Recruiting Duty or Shore Duty at the 8thND in New Orleans, as I would very much like to be as close to my parents in their old age as possible. This may sound selfish on my part, but I assure you I could think of other duty that would further my aims in the Service, but I feel indebted to my parents who have always had to struggle through many hardships. So after 7 years of service I would resort to almost anything to help them. My father is 72 and my mother 6 years younger. They have raised 9 children, of which I am the youngest and also the last to leave home. There is no hardship involved. New Orleans is only a two hour drive to Opelousas, La. which means that we could visit them at least once a month. After being assigned to different commands by ComAirPac through normal rotation, I hope that the Bureau will consider my first choice since enlisting and assign me to New Orleans for a normal tour of shore duty; after which they can give me another carrier if they care to.

Probably by now you are wondering what my point is in writing this letter. If possible, could you or your Chief Yeoman, dig up any information on vacancies expected at the 8thND in either Recruiting Duty or Shore Duty? You see, I can only be on one waiting list at one time, and I would like to know where the vacancy will exist on May or after.

Sir, I have but once before made such an attempt to be assigned to a given place, and only because you showed a sincere desire in helping, and I don't intend to try again, as it is a bad policy and could become habit.

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U. S. S. SICILY (CVE-118)
% FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

4 November 1953

From the latest letter I had from FLOGWINGPAC in Alameda, I understand that Capt Bond is now back in the War College. Sir, he was one of the best Captains I have ever had the privilege to work for, and I have the highest respect for him. Should you come in contact with him, please pay my regards.

I understand that you are most probably completely 'snowed under' with work, and had I not misplaced your Chief Yeoman's name, I would have written direct to him and saved your time. In his letters, he seemed to be a very nice person, and made a definite effort to help. Please give him my regards.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health, and with my highest respects, I remain

Very respectfully



D. Pefferkorn, YN1, USN

Rear Admiral R. W. BATES, U.S. Navy
U.S. Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

P.S.

Has your "Battle ^{of} Leyte Gulf" been officially published? I hope that it has and we get a copy aboard.

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Admirals of the Flagship Fleet

November 4, 1953

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

Dear Admiral Bates:

It is my pleasure to welcome you as an Admiral of the Flagship Fleet and to extend to you all of the privileges pertaining to that rank.

Your citation was given in recognition of your special interest in air transportation and the contribution you have made to its progress. Through your help, air transportation has developed internationally as well as nationally. Consequently, your commission is International and is recognized throughout the entire American Airlines system. Your Flagships span the United States and penetrate Canada and Mexico; they connect with worldwide services of other airlines.

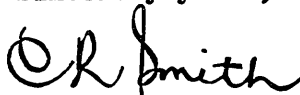
One of the most pleasant privileges of an Admiral is the use of the Admirals Clubs - at Amon Carter Field, Fort Worth, LaGuardia Field, New York and at National Airport, Washington. Your Admiral's card admits you to the clubrooms, and when you are not present personally, a note to our "Skipper" extends club privileges to friends.

As a special courtesy, your wife will receive her own admission card - if you fill out and return the enclosed application - complete with your signature. She does not become an Admiral, but all club privileges will be extended to her.

Besides its privileges, the office of Admiral also has some important duties. Your continued encouragement of the development of air transportation will result in more people becoming aware of the impact of this means of transportation on world affairs. It is more than just a means to travel or to transport goods. It is a new way of life. The understanding of these things needs to be more widely spread; in this you can help.

We especially want your suggestions regarding the maintenance of the high American Airlines standards of service. We want you, as Admiral, to take the same pride as we do in your Flagship Fleet and its people.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. Smith
Fleet Admiral

AMERICAN AIRLINES ADMIRALS CLUBS

LA GUARDIA FIELD

AMON CARTER FIELD

WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDANT'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

19 November 1953

Dear Rafe:

I appreciate very much your writing me about the Marine Corps birthday anniversary ball at Newport and the sentiments you expressed concerning it. I feel strongly, as you do, that the traditions and esprit of the Marine Corps must be preserved and maintained at a high level. As you observed, the Marine Corps birthday has much meaning to our corps.

You may be interested to learn that a number of years ago I originated the ceremony you witnessed and it has been carried on for some time on our larger posts. Since becoming Commandant, I had the ceremony written up and published in an official order requiring it to be conducted at all posts and stations on November 10th each year. It is therefore very gratifying to me that you approved of it as I value your opinions.

I have just returned from a trip to the Far East where I found our 1st and 3rd Divisions and the 1st Marine Air Wing in excellent condition and the morale of the men high.

Let me know when you come to Washington and come for luncheon in my mess where you are always welcome.

With all good wishes,

Your sincere friend,

LEMUEL C. SHEPHERD, JR.

Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

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28 November 1953

Dear Admiral Bates:

Receiving both of your letters at the same time came as a surprise, although it was a nice surprise. When writing to you to obtain the information on vacancies in the New Orleans area, I had no idea that it would take up so much of your time; I have a lot to learn, but in any event I am very thankful that you took such interest.

When writing I should have mentioned that the Sicily has been operating here in WestPac with ComCarDiv17 since July 14; that is the reason for receiving both letters at once. We have had antisubmarine squadrons on board since reporting, therefore we are at sea most of the time. Before reporting aboard I had heard that the Sicily was called the "Phantom Ship"; now I understand why. No one ever sees us, except when we need rations.

As suggested by yourself and Admiral Settle, I will submit my request for shore duty when I become eligible, stating as my choice New Orleans, at the same time informing you as advised.

The Legal Officer of the Sicily has just "informed" me that his intentions are to have me attend the Naval Justice School in Newport as soon as practicable upon arrival in the States, which will be the first of March. Since reporting aboard I have had the "pleasure" of recording 56 special courts, and he feels that this school will still further my legal experience. If a quota is obtained then I hope to pay my regards to you in person.

My wife, Evelyn, and my two sons, will be as happy as I should this assignment come through. Evelyn's parents live in McComb, Mississippi, only a few hours drive from New Orleans. Although she has never interfered in my decision to remain in the Navy, I know this will "cinch" it. However, I will not let her in on this until a later date.

Sir, please be assured that I am thoroughly satisfied with all the results, even though it has been more than I expected. I wish that I could return the favor but all I can say again that it is appreciated. You will understand, I know.

With best regards,

Very respectfully yours,


D. F. Ferkorn

Rear Admiral R.W. BATES,
U.S. Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

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